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SUBJECT: Soviet Apprehension of US Personnel (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
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1. Reference is made to Joint Messageform number F-19208, this Headquarters, dated 3 November 1955.
2. Forwarded herewith are Agent Reports concerning a Lt. ROBINSON, an alleged American Officer, who is reported to be in the hands of the Soviets in the USSR.
3. Source is Hans JOHANNSEN, a German national, born 30 April 1912, in BERLIN-Charlottenburg (British Sector), Germany, a returnee from the USSR, presently residing at BERLIN-Charlottenburg, Westend Allee 50, c/o WOLFRAM, Germany.
4. Source stated that he was arrested on 14 December 1949 by East German Police in TREUENBRIETZEN, for belonging to the "Kampfgruppe gegen Unmenschlichkeit" (KgU) (The Fighting Group Against Inhumanity), tried by a Soviet Military Tribunal in POTSDAM, GDR, convicted and sentenced to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment. In late August 1950, while in POTSDAM, GDR, Source met ROBINSON, who told him that he (ROBINSON) was a US Army Lieutenant and a member of an American intelligence agency, stationed in Western Germany. ROBINSON claimed that his father was a colonel in the American Army, stationed in FRANKFURT/Main, West Germany, and was connected with the Allied Control Commission. ROBINSON told Source that he was arrested in East BERLIN by East German police in 1949 at the instigation of one Ilja ILJITSCH, whom he had met in Switzerland and had bought an automobile from him there. ILJITSCH was an alleged double agent, working for both American and Soviet intelligence agencies.

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ROBINSON visited East BERLIN in order to transact some business with ILJITSCH, and was arrested shortly after having met him. ROBINSON was imprisoned in POTSDAM, tried and convicted of espionage by a Soviet Military Tribunal (sentence not stated). ILJITSCH was also arrested by the Soviets a short time afterward and ROBINSON saw him in POTSDAM, where ILJITSCH admitted that he was responsible for ROBINSON's arrest. Source stated that ROBINSON spoke fluent German and Russian which he had learned from his mother, who was of Czechoslovakian descent. Source described ROBINSON as being about thirty (30) years of age in 1949; five (5) foot ten (10) inches to six (6) foot tall; weighing one hundred and five (105) to one hundred and fifteen pounds; an emaciated build; with dark blond or light brown hair, and having blue eyes. ROBINSON told Source that prior to his imprisonment that he weighed about one hundred and ninety-five (195) pounds. Source stated that ROBINSON was very ill when he last saw him.

5. Any further information obtained concerning ROBINSON or any other US personnel being held by the Soviets will be forwarded your office upon receipt.

6. Regrading data cannot be predetermined.

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M/R: Source reported seeing an alleged American Army Lt. in a Soviet prison in POTSDAM, GDR, and later in ORSCHA, USSR, in 1950. Two other sources have claimed to have seen an American named ROBINSON in BAUTZEN and ORSCHA, GDR. Another source stated that he met an American in ORSCHA, USSR. It is possible that ROBINSON and ROBERTSON are identical. BOSHART/lbt

Coordinated with Captain BARTOSIK, Tech Spec, and Captain GARR, SE, 15 Nov 1955 by THOMPSON. There is no apparent interest in ROBINSON, the alleged double agent. BOSHART/lbt

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